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Ombudsman to go after officials abetting dumps

By Nelson F. Flores

THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman will go after public officials violating environmental laws, including those who fail to close illegal dumpsites.

"The serious implementation of Republic Act No. 9003 (the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000) and other ecological laws is long overdue," said Wilbert Candelaria, Environmental Ombudsman.

Candelaria, who is also the Ombudsman for Luzon, issued the statement after signing a memorandum of agreement with the Ecological Waste Coalition (EWC). He said the MOA signing was timely since the destruction of the environment was a major national security problem.

"With the MOA in place and the help of environmental groups, the Office of the Ombudsman can file cases easily," Candelaria said.

Joey Papa, EWC coordinator, said the group would target open dumpsites to stop their proliferation. He said open dumpsites were serious health hazards.

"They (open dumpsites) emit toxic gases, taint our water systems, cause respiratory illnesses like asthma, and contribute to the greenhouse effect which is the cause of the abnormal weather patterns worldwide," Papa said.

Papa said that aside from helping the Office of the Ombudsman, the MOA signing would also pave the way for the EWC to "explore and encourage alternative methods of waste management like recycling, segregation and composting."

The EWC is composed of Greenpeace, the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA) and the archdiocese of Manila.

Cabanatuan City residents, meanwhile, with the help of the EWC asked the Office of the Ombudsman to look into the failure of local government officials to close an illegal dumpsite in the city.

According to a two-page complaint filed by five city residents, the Valle Cruz dumpsite has been emitting toxic wastes that pose a health hazard to residents of the city and nearby provinces.

The complainants said that despite several meetings with city government officials, the latter had yet to act on the matter.

With Reagan Tan



IT NEVER PAYS. One of three men who tried to rob jeepney passengers on Aurora Blvd., Quezon City, yesterday morning lies dead after being shot by a passenger who turned out to be an off-duty policeman. One accomplice was arrested while the other managed to escape. *(Story in Metro, Page A24)*

Townsfolk protect ‘Nemo,’ friends



AT THE Panandan fish sanctuary, tourists take a break on a sandbar which changes shape and position depending on the waves and the season.

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Ill Sino ship's cook airlifted to Manila

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE SICK head cook of a Chinese research vessel was airlifted from the ship and brought to a Manila hospital yesterday morning by the Philippine Coast Guard's aviation group.

The cook, identified as Xu Zukui, had been ill since Friday but was only taken off the M/V Xiang Yang Hung 09 when the ship got close enough to Polilio Island yesterday for the Coast Guard helicopter to reach it.

Xu, who appeared to be in his late 40s or early 50s, was brought to the Manila Doctors Hospital on United Nations Avenue where he was confined, said PCG aviation group acting chief of staff Commander Allan Corpuz. He said the Chinese national's upper body appeared to be bloated.

According to Corpuz, Xu fell ill while the M/V Xiang Yang Hung 09 was on its way back to China after a research mission to Southeast Asia.

Although the ship was headed for home, Xu's colleagues feared that with his worsening condition he might not get medical help in time.

The crew members informed Chinese authorities about the problem. China's maritime search and rescue center then sent out a request for rescue to the Philippines, which was the country nearest to the ship's location.

Corpuz said the request was issued on Friday, but at the time the research vessel was still too far away and beyond the reach of the PCG helicopter. Authorities of the two countries coordinated, and the Chinese vessel was instructed to head to Polilio Island.

Yesterday morning, the research vessel arrived 12 nautical miles off the island and the rescue was conducted.

Corpuz said the rescue came off without a hitch. The helicopter crew used a rescue hoist to pull the cook up into the helicopter, which could not land on the ship.

The M/V Xiang Yang Hung 09 resumed its voyage back to China after the rescue. Chinese authorities in the Philippines will look after Xu.

BI keeps eye on 'disrespectful' Briton

THE BUREAU of Immigration is keeping close tabs on a British national who has been accused of disrespecting the Philippine flag during a golf tournament at Clark, Pampanga.

Although Briton Ronald Judd has not been slapped with a deportation case, BI Commissioner Alipio Fernandez Jr. said he had asked the immigration officer in Angeles, Pampanga, to submit to him the documents pertaining to the complaint filed against Judd and his Filipino wife, Amelia, in the city prosecutor's office there.

Fernandez said he wanted the bureau to be ready in case somebody brought a deportation case against Judd before the BI.

"There's no case filed against the Briton before the BI, but we will be evaluating the matter. That is why I asked for a report about the incident. But if others will file a case with us, we would have to act on that," Fernandez said in a phone interview.

The BI does not automatically file deportation cases against foreigners charged with violating Philippine laws, he said.

Fernandez said a charge like disrespecting the Philippine flag was considered a major offense and could be grounds for an alien being deemed undesirable. A declaration of undesirability could be used as a reason to deport a foreigner.

Members of the Mimosa Golf and Country Club Association Inc. filed complaints for violation of the Flag Law against the Judd couple last week after the two allegedly failed to stand up for the national anthem while the flag was being raised during a golf tourney on March 5.

According to the club members, the Judds remained seated and continued to eat despite being signaled to stand up. A verbal request to stand by a member who personally went up to the couple reportedly also went unheeded.

Leila B. Salaverria

The Daily Gospel

Monday, May 30, 2005
9th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Tb 1:3; 2:1-8
Gospel: Mark 12:1-12

Using parables, Jesus went on to say, "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a hole for the wine press and built a watch tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenants and went abroad.

In due time he sent a servant to receive from the tenants his share of the fruit. But they seized the servant, struck him and sent him back empty-handed. Again the man sent another servant. They also struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. He sent another and they killed him. In the same way they treated many others; some they struck and others they killed. One was still left, his beloved son. And so, last of all, he sent him to the tenants, for he said: 'They will respect my son.'

But those tenants said to one another: 'This is the one who is to inherit the vineyard. Let's kill him and the property will be ours.' So they seized him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. Now, what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

And Jesus added, "Have you not read this text of the Scriptures: The stone which the builders rejected has become the keystone. This was the Lord's doing; and we marvel at it.

They wanted to arrest him for they realized that Jesus meant this parable for them, but they were afraid of the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Commentary

Now Jesus tells stories about himself in Israel's history and about how we, his disciples are to live in our nations. A man planted a vineyard (always Israel) and protected it, prepared soil, built a wine press, watch tower—did everything so that the grapes would be rich for the harvest and making of good wine. But the tenants decided that they would keep the owner's share of the fruit and they refuse to justly give what is due. Then they mock, torture and kill anyone who comes near them who has been sent by the owner. Lastly they kill the owner's son, stupidly thinking they'll get the inheritance now that there is no son to receive it from his father's hand. Jesus quotes scripture and tells them he is the son of the vineyard owner—son of Yahweh who has tended the vineyard Israel all these centuries, though his word and covenant was broken, the prophets killed and they will do the same to him—unjustly, viciously. And they want to kill him, but are afraid of the people. Jesus truth—tells them and says what a marvelous thing God is doing in him and his presence on earth. Do we see it and rejoice in it? Do we do justice or resist the will of God for justice, for wine and hope for all peoples? Are we interested in just us?

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Supreme Court Doctrines

CIVIL LAW (OBLIGATIONS AND CONTRACTS)/ REMEDIAL LAW (CIVIL PROCEDURE)—Compromise agreements—Under Article 1306 of the Civil Code, contracting parties may establish such stipulations, clauses, terms and conditions as they may deem convenient, provided they are not contrary to law, morals, good customs, public order, or public policy. Thus, a compromise agreement whereby the parties make reciprocal concessions to resolve their differences to thereby put an end to litigation is binding on the contracting parties and is expressly acknowledged as a juridical agreement between them. To have the force of res judicata, however, the compromise agreement must be approved by final order of the court. To be valid, the compromise agreement must be based on real claims and actually agreed upon in good faith. Both conditions are present in the case at bar. In clear, categorical language, each of the parties have manifested their desire, by forging the Compromise Agreement, to abbreviate the legal battle and settle the case amicably to both their satisfaction. As the Agreement is not contrary to law, public order, public policy, morals or good customs, the same is hereby approved. The petition having become moot and academic, it should thus now be dismissed. (Citations omitted.) (Justice Carpio Morales, Special Third Division, Resolution, National Commercial Bank of Saudi Arabia v. Court Of Appeals, G.R. No. 124267, January 17, 2005)

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Nationals overwhelm Indians







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US may change focus of antiterror policies–Post

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush's administration is conducting a broad internal review of its antiterrorism policies, and may shift the focus from capturing al-Qaida leaders to a broader push to defeat "violent extremism," The Washington Post said Sunday.

The first major review of the "global war on terrorism" since it was reconceived after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks could lead to a new national security policy blueprint, the daily said, replacing the document Bush signed in October 2001 pledging "the elimination of terrorism as a threat to our way of life."

"No question, this is the next stage, the phase two," a senior counterterrorism official told the daily. "We are coming to the point of decisions."

The review is needed in part because after years of operations against al-Qaida has shifted into a "far more amorphous, diffuse and difficult-to-target organization," the Post said.

"Basically, the enemy has adapted," said Frances Fragos Townsend, Bush's top adviser on terrorism, who is heading up the review.

Some say the immediate threat from al-Qaida is greatly diminished, although the view is controversial, the daily said.

"What we really want now is a strategic approach to defeat violent extremism," a senior administration official told the Post on condition of anonymity.

The sources refused to give details of any new policies under consideration.

Some points of debate in the discussion include how much the war in Iraq is to the antiterrorism effort overall, and complaints from the State Department that US foreign policy has focused on terrorism to the exclusion of other priorities in recent years.

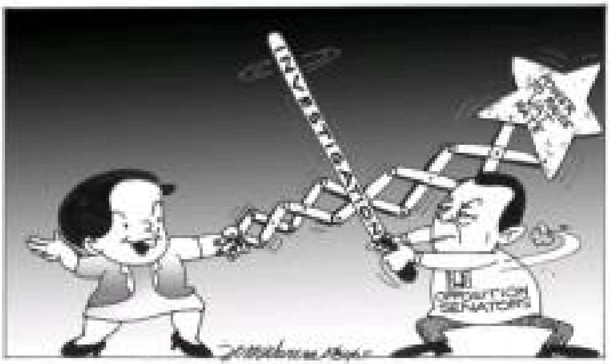
The review is also looking at "how to deal with the rise of a new generation of terrorists schooled in Iraq over the past couple years," the Post said. AFP



DEMONIZED—A supporter of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez holds a poster that portrays US President George W. Bush as a devil during a march against terrorism in Caracas May 29.

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OPINION



For the youth

EDITORIAL

ON April 26, the Committee on Justice of the House of Representatives approved the Consolidated Juvenile Justice Bill. The bill raises the age of criminal responsibility from nine to 12 years old. It explicitly prohibits the detention of children with adults. It calls for offenders of petty, or victimless, crimes to be redirected from the court to diversion programs. Most importantly, the bill aims to develop a comprehensive juvenile delinquency prevention program and to establish an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention under the Department of Justice.

Unicef has applauded the committee approval of the bill. It has been a long time coming. Children's rights advocates have been lobbying for the passage of such a bill for over a decade. Even so, the bill has a long way to go before it becomes law.

In the meanwhile, Unicef points out some chilling facts. In the Philippines, from 1995 to 2000, a total of 52,579 children "were monitored as having been deprived of their liberty in detention displacement, under custodial setting through suspended sentence," according to the Second Country Report on the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child submitted by the Council for the Welfare of Children. Unicef says that the report is an official admission that an average of 10,515 children are being arrested and detained every year, roughly 28 children every day, or more than one child every hour.

Furthermore, Unicef points to studies that show 60 percent of children in conflict with the law commit only one offense in their lifetime. Children's rights advocates insist there is a high likelihood that first-time offenders can be deterred from violating the law in the future.

At present, the law is inflexible, and when applied, throws children into the glacially slow judicial system. A child or young adult may be picked up for a petty crime, but thrown in jail with hardened offenders, who subject the children to ridicule or abuse, or introduce them to drug abuse, or recruit them into criminal syndicates and gangs. The psychological effect on children, thrown into our overcrowded and dangerous jails, subjected to red tape and left to the indifference, if not outright hostility, of prosecutors and judges; and even if the children do secure a judgement, they may have to wait for years in dismal conditions until they know their fate—all these things can warp a young mind.

The Juvenile Justice Bill aims to bring a more creative, and humane, attitude toward juvenile offenders by resorting to the principles of Restorative Justice. This is an approach to crime that doesn't rely so simply subjecting the accused to the full harshness—and impersonal workings—of the law, but instead emphasizes the ways in which crime hurts relationships in the community. The system of Restorative Justice requires the maximum involvement not only of the offender and the community but also of the victim. This is done through a three-stage process: first, the accountability of an offender is emphasized; second, the impact of the crime on the victim and the community are assessed; and finally, ways in which the offender can repair the harm caused to the community are determined.

This framework is ideal for young offenders, who may break the law out of desperation or from not being fully aware of the harmful effects of their actions. It involves the community in figuring out why the young do wrong, and in making amends for the harm caused by the wrong deed. Young offenders get to understand the wrong they did, and best of all, are then made to make amends, in a positive and immediate manner, for what they did, thus ensuring justice for all concerned.

This is a bill that deserves to become a law, and at the earliest possible time. The system, as it stands, doesn't work, and worst of all, it contributes to long-term criminal behavior. The bill deserves attention from the counterpart committee in the Senate, as well as full and speedy passage in both chambers of Congress. Humaneness has, for so many reasons and for so long, been a characteristic absent from the justice system of our country. Even if it may take much longer to apply similar principles to adults who commit petty crimes, there isn't any reason to delay embarking on the objectives of this bill now, for the youth.

Red tape longest at NWRB

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By Nestor Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau





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MMDA prepares for floods as school opening nears

By Tarra V. Quismundo and Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

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MIX-UP AT AIRPORT X-RAY LINE

Batanes gov returns bag of Japanese

By Volt Contreras

IT WAS just a mix-up, after all.

Batanes Gov. Vicente Gato returned yesterday the money of Japanese Akiro Maki after the bag where it was placed was inadvertently picked up by an aide of the official at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Friday morning.

Gato showed up at the airport's VIP lounge at 8:30 a.m. to return the bag to Maki, who thanked the governor and the government for the speedy recovery, said Octavio Lina, assistant general manager of the Manila International Airport Authority.

Lina clarified that while earlier reports put the lost amount at $20,000, it turned out to be actually $17,970 only. Lina said Maki "acknowledged that it was complete."

Lost at the X-ray

Maki, a correspondent of the Tokyo Broadcasting System, lost the bag with the money at the X-ray machine at the airport.

"We had already given up hope, actually," Lina said of the foreign journalist in a phone interview.

Gato told the Inquirer in a mobile phone interview on Sunday that his police escort took Maki's bag by mistake.

The governor and his aide were next to Maki in the line at the X-ray machine.

Gato's flight to Batanes was cancelled on Saturday. He returned to his Metro Manila residence not knowing that his police aide was carrying Maki's bag.

Another aide of Gato said they did not know that Maki's bag was with them because it was left in the governor's car along with his other luggage.

Discovered Saturday

The governor only discovered the bag after airport officials called him up Saturday night. Airport officials had reviewed pictures taken by security cameras and saw Gato behind Maki at the airport line.

Gato said Ivatans, the natives of Batanes, were known for their honesty and they would not do anything to tarnish this image.

"[illegible] (Most Filipinos are honest, especially those from Batanes)," the governor said.

He added, "[illegible] (Batanes do not take others' belongings)." *With a report from [illegible], PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Off-duty cop kills 1 of 3 rob suspects

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and DJ Yap

OFF DUTY Inspector PO1 Leopoldo Llorente was at the right place at the right time to stop a daring daylight robbery.

Llorente of the Special Action Force based in Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig City, shot dead one robber and helped capture another, notwithstanding the escape of a third suspect.

According to police, three men took a Marikina City-bound jeepney at the corner of Aurora Boulevard and J.P. Rizal Street in Project 4, Quezon City, at about 8 a.m.

After the jeepney passed Katipunan Avenue, the three pulled out firearms and declared a robbery. They then began taking the cash and valuables of about five passengers, who included Llorente.

In casual clothes

But instead of handing over his valuables, Llorente in casual clothes pulled out his service firearm and challenged the robbers.

Spooked, the robbers tried to flee but Llorente gave chase.

He caught up with suspect Christopher Cabalo, 27, who reportedly resisted arrest and was shot by the lawman.

Marikina City policemen heard the gunshot and responded. They arrested another suspect identified in various police reports as "Richard de Leon" and "Richard Lopez," 22, of Antipolo City.

The third suspect managed to escape.

The arrested suspect was turned over to the police in Quezon City which is handling the case.

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Sy eyes 39% stake in EPCIBank

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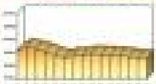




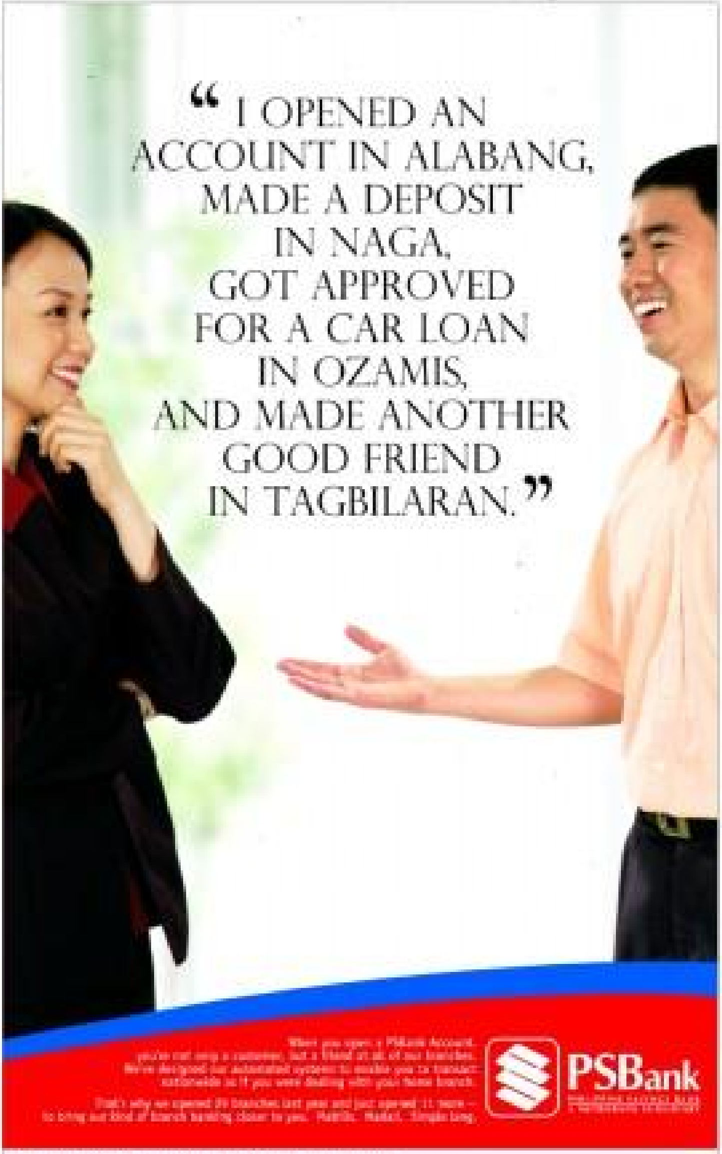
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Window-dressing seen lifting stocks



Mindanao ports: Show windows of trade, investments

MINDANAWORLD



Joji Ilagan-Bian

FOR AN ARCHIPELAGO like the Philippines, seaports play a crucial role in economic development.

The country's seaports, however, are largely underdeveloped, underutilized, and in need of major rehabilitation. Also, our ports are confronted by age-old problems such as high tariff rates, poor passenger service, and inefficient cargo handling facilities.

Integrated approach, paradigm shift

But development planners said addressing these issues could not be done on a piecemeal basis. Rather, there is need for a paradigm shift emphasizing a holistic and more integrated approach to port planning and development.

A port sustainability conference, attended by port officials of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and local government officials, provided participants the chance to discuss crucial issues affecting the performance of local ports and to formulate corresponding strategies to address them.

Vicente Gambito, a port institutional specialist of the University of Asia and the Pacific (UAP), said the impact of port operations was always on the local economy. Thus, local government units (LGU) and the private sector should have greater participation in any port development in their areas.

Ports should be viewed not only as a critical entry point for investments, but more importantly, as catalysts for growth that will enhance the economic competitiveness of rural communities as envisioned by Executive Orders 170 and 70-A.

Ro-ro, catalyst for development

EO 170 establishes the policy framework for the roll-on, roll-off system which allows the loading into and unloading of self-powered vehicles from cargo vessel.

It encourages greater local government and private sector participation and investment in the development of the national government's roll-on, roll-off transport system (RRTS).

Traders believe RRTS will help agri-fisheries modernization and food programs.

RRTS aims to reduce, if not eliminate, cargo handling and wharfage fees that are imposed by cargo handling operators and port agencies.

Data show that the country's inefficient logistics system has resulted in the wastage of at least 30 percent of rice harvest from Mindanao, 13 percent of corn, 32 percent of fruits and 42 percent of vegetables. This means loss of income for farmers.

The RRTS can play a major role in ARMM's overall economic growth considering its archipelagic make-up and vast potential for trade and investment. This is because a majority of the region's traders rely on water transport as the primary means of moving their goods to markets.

If efficiently utilized, the RRTS can significantly reduce freight and cargo handling costs, minimize pilferage and damage of goods, and ensure the timely delivery of cargoes.

Key issues

Among the key issues raised during the port sustainability conference were: inadequate port facilities such as cargo handling equipment, passenger terminal buildings and cargo area; crowded port areas and lack of staging/marshalling area for ro-ro users; and limited capability of access roads leading from production areas to ports.

Port officials also complained there were no *plantilla* (regular) positions for key personnel and the current salary scale for ARMM port employees is too low. Also raised were concerns over port revenue collections and remittances due to the lack of proper accounting procedures on the part of ARMM Regional Port Management Authority.

To address the said issues, conference participants submitted the following recommendations: for the ARMM Regional Legislative Assembly to come up with a legislation that will define the roles and responsibilities of the RPMA and LGUs; LGUs need to invest in port facilities, allocate funds for port improvements, and undertake development projects in areas within and outside the port facility; and for the RPMA to operationalize a standard bookkeeping and accounting system in all ARMM Ports.

Upgrading of ports

In a bid to enhance the competitiveness of ARMM ports, the USAID-GEM (Growth with Equity in Mindanao) in partnership with the Mindanao Economic Development Council (Medco), is upgrading strategic ports in the region. These include Bongao Port, Tawi-Tawi; Lamitan Port, Basilan, and Siasi Port, Sulu. The ports of Siocon in Zamboanga del Norte; Maimbung Wharf in Sulu; and Maluso Port in Basilan.

I fully agree with my friend, Caloy Tan, GEM deputy program manager, when he said, "Mindanao needs to demonstrate its ports are now open for business."

Email comments to jojibian2@yahoo.com

IFC loans to RP up to $105M

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Galicano wins top international portrait prize



ROMULO Galicano with his winning painting

After a brushoff from the country's own embassy in Washington, the portrait artist holds high the banner of Philippine creativity by winning the grand prize in the annual Portrait Society of America international derby

By Rod Paras-Perez
Contributor

ONCE a year, the over 2,000 members of the Portrait Society of America meet to exchange views about art and pay homage to a few outstanding painters. For 2005, the site is Washington, DC where, aptly enough, the National Portrait Gallery serves as a beacon of excellence.

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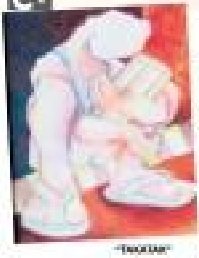
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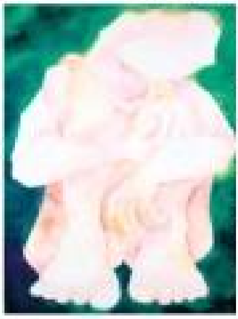
Faceless beings and chiseled bodies



"TAGATAN"

By Gary Devilles





In his exhibit at One Luna Gallery, Dario Villaceran presents works on the human condition

Faceless beings . . .









THE LUCKY 13 finalists at the 2005 International Portrait Competition. Seated at the center is Romulo Galicano.

"PORTRAIT of Marissa Concepcion," which earned a merit award during the 2004 International Portrait Competition held in Boston, USA.

Galicano wins top international portrait prize



ROMULO Galicano with John Michael Carter, honor awardee in the 2005 International Portrait Competition held by the Portrait Society of America

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"PORTRAIT of Eddie Chua," by Romulo Galicano, grand prize in the 2005 International Portrait Competition in Washington, DC.



FAMOUS art guru and judge John Howard Sanden with Galicano

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Struggles

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'Maraming salamat, Ang Kiukok'







Saling Pusa at West, Sillada at Ricco-Renzo, Sayrit and Lee at Mag:Net

VISUAL ARTS

But where's the painting?





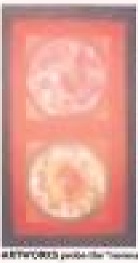


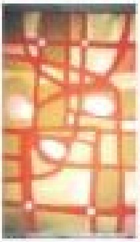
Drawn-out battle

Recondite aspect



Personal symbolism





Tajanlangit's states of mind

Harvest of art

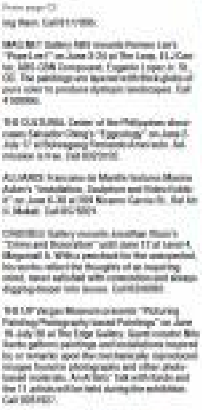




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Nilo Santiago exhibits works in US

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"FAMILY Ties"



Book reveals Pangasinan's rich cultural heritage

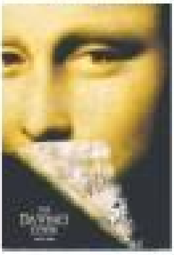
IMPORTANT aspects of the history and folktales of Pangasinan in the book "Tales From the Land of Ilali" by Emmanuel S. Sison, reveal a rich cultural background that sets its position as one of the country's premier provinces.

'Trace' is Cornwell doing what she does bloody well

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By Patricia Cornwell
2006 433 pages

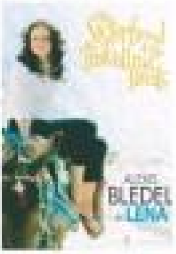


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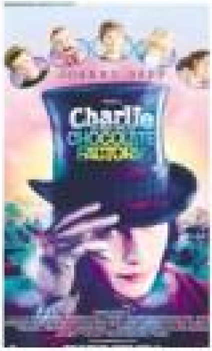


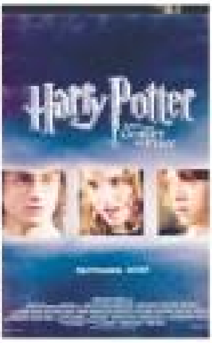






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